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B. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening address

The Executive Secretary or his representative will open the working group.

2. Election of officers and adoption of the agenda

A Chairperson, a Vice-chairperson and a Rapporteur will be elected for the meeting. Following the election, the meeting will review the provisional agenda and the sequence in which the items should be discussed and make any appropriate amendments. The arrangements for the organization of the meeting will also be agreed upon.

Documentation:

- Provisional agenda and annotations, E/ECA/SM/89/1

- Provisional timetable, E/ECA/SM/89/Inf.1

3. Progress Report on the African Household Survey Capability Programme (AHSCP)

A brief report on the progress made in the implementation of the African Household Survey Capability Programme, particularly during the last three years (1987-1989) will be presented by the secretariat. Some of the problems encountered and lessons learnt will be highlighted to provide the background information for discussion and enable the working group to make appropriate recommendations for the future.

Documentation:

- Progress Report on the African Household Survey Capability Programme, E/ECA/SM/89/2

4. Experiences and problems of selected surveys in Africa in the 1980s:

(a) Income, expenditure and consumption surveys

Selected issues in the conduct of income, expenditure and consumption surveys in a number of African countries during the 1980s, presented in the background document by ILO will be considered. These include problems of sample design, conceptual and methodological aspects, data collection and processing,

sample weighting, data tabulation and analysis and report preparation. Participants will be invited to comment on these issues on the basis of their own experiences.

Documentation:

- Experiences and Problems of Selected Surveys in Africa in the 1980s: Income, Expenditure and Consumption Surveys, E/ECA/SM/89/3

(b) Surveys of the economically active population

Selected problems and issues which have faced African countries during the 1980s in undertaking household surveys of the economically active population will be discussed on the basis of the background document prepared by ILO. Some of the useful initiatives taken by African countries in implementing their survey programmes in this area will also be reviewed.

Documentation:

- Experiences and Problems of Selected Surveys in Africa in the 1980s: Surveys of the Economically Active Population, E/ECA/SM/89/4

(c) Informal sector surveys

The secretariat will present a paper highlighting the experiences and problems encountered by African countries in the conduct of informal sector surveys. A paper on data requirements for household survey coverage of women's activities in the informal sector, prepared by the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the UN Statistical Office, will also be considered by the meeting under this agenda item.

Documentation:

- Experiences and Problems of Selected Surveys in Africa in the 1980s: Informal Sector Surveys, E/ECA/SM/89/5.1

- Experiences and Problems of Selected Surveys in Africa in the 1980s: Data requirements for household survey coverage of women's activities in the informal sector: illustrative questions and tabulations, E/ECA/SM/89/5.2

(d) Agricultural surveys

The secretariat will present a paper addressing issues on African experience and some of the problems encountered in the field of agricultural surveys, covering financial and human resources, institutional framework and linkages, sampling procedures, methodological aspects, field organization, data processing and analysis and data dissemination. The participants will be invited to suggest ways of solving these problems from their own experiences.

Documentation:

- Experiences and Problems of Selected Surveys in Africa in the 1980s: Agricultural Surveys, E/ECA/SM/89/6.1

(e) Surveys on demographic, nutrition and health issues

The meeting will consider a paper prepared by UNICEF highlighting the progress made in nutritional assessment and mortality measurement. The paper also points out the fact that health measurement, particularly morbidity, still remains problematic although the measurement of access and use of health services has made some progress. Various methods of demographic measurement that could be used to evaluate more frequently and to provide a more uptodate assessment of current mortality will briefly be discussed.

Documentation:

- Recent experiences of Selected Household Surveys in Africa in the 1980s: Health, Nutrition and Demographic Surveys, E/ECA/SM/89/7

(f) Surveys under the World Bank's Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS) and Social Dimensions of Adjustment (SDA) projects

A representative of the World Bank is expected to give a report on the experiences and problems of surveys under the LSMS and SDA projects.

5. Experiences of the African Region in Household Survey Data Analysis and Application

The secretariat will present a paper pointing out shortcomings in the processing, analysis and applications of data obtained from household surveys. The need to develop and

strengthen the survey data analysis capability of African statistical institutions is being stressed. Some cases of survey data analysis and use will briefly be described.

Documentation:

- Experience of the African Region in Household Survey Data Analysis and Applications, E/ECA/SM/89/9

6. Co-ordination of AHSCP with other programmes of household surveys

The meeting will consider a paper prepared by the UN Statistical Office, pointing out the need for co-ordination of NHSCP/AHSCP with other programmes of household surveys such as the PanArab Project for Child Development (PAPCHILD), the Demographic and Health Surveys Programme (DHS), the Inter-Agency Food and Nutrition Surveillance Programme (IFNS), LSMS and SDA and the proposed Programme to Monitor the Achievement of Social Goals during the 1990s. The co-ordination should aim at prevention of duplication and elimination of wasteful expenditures.

Documentation:

- National Household Survey Capability Programme: Co-ordination with other international survey programmes, E/ECA/SM/89/10

7. Recommendations to the Sixth session of the Joint Conference of African Planners, Statisticians and Demographers

During its deliberations the working group is expected to make recommendations in the area of household surveys for consideration by the Sixth session of the Joint Conference of African Planners, Statisticians and Demographers scheduled to be held in Addis Ababa in January 1990.

8. Evaluation of the working group

Participants will be invited to evaluate the working group through a questionnaire which should be duly completed and returned to the secretariat before the closure of the meeting.

9. Other business

The working group may wish to discuss matters not covered under the other items of the agenda.

10. Adoption of report

The working group will adopt the report of the meeting.